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1. WE HAVE LITTLE INFO ON LAWRENCE JOSEPH MARIADASAN. JUST PRIOR TO PRESENT GENEVA ASSIGNMENT TO WHICH HE WAS APPOINTED IN FEB 1973, HE SERVED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE IN TRADE MINISTRY. PRIOR TO THAT, FROM 1966-1970, HE WAS COMMERCIAL OFFICER AT CEYLON HIGH COMMISSION IN LONDON.

2. OUTDATED CIVIL LIST GIVES INFO ON EARLY CAREER. BORN ON SEPT 5, 1927, HE RECEIVED BA IN ECONOMICS FROM UNIV OF CEYLON. APPOINTED AS COMMERCIAL ASSISTANT IN 1948, HE SPECIALIZED IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE MATTERS. IN 1955 HE MEMBER OF CEYLON TRADE MISSION TO PRC. FROM JULY-DEC 1956 HE WAS AT GATT SECRETARIAT ON UN FELLOWSHIP. HE SERVED AT THE CEYLON HIGH COMMISSION IN LONDON FOR THE FIRST TIME FROM JULY 1957 TO SEPT 1958. SUBSEQUENT TO THAT HE RETURNED HOME TO JOB AS MANAGER OF CEYLON COCONUT

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3. ACCORDING TO CIVIL LIST, HE HAS ATTENDED FOLLOWING INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS: 1954: ECAFE TRADE PROMOTION SEMINAR, AUSTRALIA; INTERNATIONAL RUBBER STUDY GROUP, COLOMBO. 1957: GATT COMMITTEE ON BALANCE OF PAYMENTS CONSULTATIONS; GATT CONSULTATIONS COMMITTEE, PARIS; 12TH SESSION OF GATT, GENEVA. 1958: GATT INTER-SESSIONAL COMMITTEE: PREPARATORY MEETING FOR COMMONWEALTH FINANCE MINISTERS CONFERENCE, LONDON.

4. NAME WOULD INDICATE MARIADASAN IS OF TAMIL ORIGIN.
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